



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2011
1:07 p.m.
Regional Council Chambers
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener Ontario

Present were: Chair S. Strickland, L. Armstrong, T. Cowan*, D. Craig*, R. Deutschmann*, T. Galloway, J. Haalboom*, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell*, K. Seiling, J. Wideman* and C. Zehr

Members absent: J. Brewer, B. Halloran and C. Millar

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE *MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT*

None declared.

* T. Cowan joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS – Planning, Housing and Community Services

i) P-11-060, Regional Forests – Overview

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services, provided comments and introduced, Albert Hovingh, Principal Planner, Environmental and Stewardship Planning, and Conestoga College students Nic Webber and Chad Martin, who gave a [presentation](#) to the Committee; a copy is appended to the original minutes.

* J. Mitchell and J. Wideman joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

* J. Haalboom joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

A. Hovingh shared some general facts about the 16 regional forests managed by the Region since 2001 and summarized the property and management activities, which include the installation of kiosks, gates, parking, memorial cairn and boardwalks. He acknowledged the partnerships with the Waterloo Cycling Club, Conestoga College and the Waterloo Stewardship Network and highlighted the popularity of the landfill cycling trails and the Trail Days events.

C. Martin and N. Webber provided an overview of the re-construction of the Sudden Boardwalk project. They highlighted the re-design process, the cost effective design and the materials used. A. Hovingh concluded the presentation by identifying the next steps, which include a management plan for each forest and continued development of community partnerships.

Received for information.

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) Memo: Update: Online Application for Social Assistance

David Dirks, Director, Employment and Income Support, and Leslie Perry, Manager, Program Development and Intake, provided an update of the May 16th launch of the online application initiative, including the application and evaluation processes.

* R. Deutschmann left the meeting at 1:24 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

In response to Committee inquiries about access, processing times and fraud protection, D. Dirks advised that the online application offers options for clients, better customer service and is secured by a post-online application verification meeting with staff.

Received for information

REPORTS – Public Health

a) PH-11-033, Perceptions of Youth in Waterloo Region: Report on Focus Groups Conducted with Youth

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner/Medical Officer of Health, introduced Ishan Angra, Public Health Planner, and youth guest, Stephanie Vigil, who gave a [presentation](#) to the Committee; a copy is appended to the original minutes.

I. Angra and S. Vigil shared an overview of the research methods, the youth participants and the findings of the focus groups conducted. They advised that the findings will inform youth engagement priorities, provide opportunities for collaboration and assist in developing a youth engagement strategy.

Received for information

b) PH-11-027, 2010 Public Health Annual Report

Dr. Nolan introduced Sharlene Sedgwick Walsh, Director, Healthy Living Planning and Promotion, who provided highlights of the annual report.

Received for information

c) PH-11-028, Funding from Province for Bed Bug Coordination Efforts

Dr. Nolan introduced Dave Young, the new Director of Health Protection and Investigations. She introduced Sarah Ames, Public Health Planner, who gave an overview of the report. S. Ames advised that the approved provincial one-time funding must be spent by end-March 2012 and will be focused on education outreach and support for vulnerable communities.

* D. Craig left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

In response to a Committee question about the management of mattresses at landfill sites, D. Young stated that staff will work with community partners to develop strategies, citing education as a program focus.

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Region of Waterloo Public Health use funding from the Province to mobilize and coordinate local efforts against bed bugs, pursuant to Report PH-11-028, dated June 7, 2011;

AND THAT the 2011 Operating Budget for Public Health be increased by \$173,552 gross and \$0 net Regional levy as outlined in Report PH-11-028.

CARRIED

d) PH-11-029, Allocation of Stipends to Dr. Ronald Sax Scholarship Fund

Anne Schlorff, Director, Central Resources, addressed the Committee, providing a summary of the report. She advised that 3 scholarships have been awarded to date.

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by R. Deutschmann

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the allocation of stipends related to the supervision of medical residents from McMaster University by the Medical Officer of Health and the Associate Medical Officer of Health to the Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region Foundation for the Dr. Ronald Sax Scholarship Fund, as outlined in report PH-11-029 dated June 7, 2011.

CARRIED

e) PH-11-030, Rabies Prevention and Control Program Update

Received for information

f) PH-11-031, Healthy Babies Healthy Children 2010 Statistics and 2011 Service Plan and Funding Update

Andrea Reist, Director, Child and Family Health, provided highlights of the report.

MOVED by L. Armstrong
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the 2011 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Plan for the delivery of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program in Waterloo Region for submission to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, according to the parameters outlined in report PH-11-031, dated June 7, 2011.

CARRIED

g) PH-11-032, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Project

A. Reist summarized the activities and project-end achievements of the 8-year initiative and acknowledged Public Health staff involved. She indicated that schools have acquired an increased capacity to address bullying in their respective school communities, based on the resources provided by Public Health staff.

In response to a Committee inquiry about measurable successes, Lindsay Steckley, Public Health Planner, highlighted the positive changes, specifically the decreased incidents of bullying.

In response to Committee questions about next steps and best practices, Tori Fitton, Public Health Nurse, advised that Public Health has met with the Ministry of Education to share the *Imagine* framework and local experiences. Information resources will continue to be available on the Public Health website. Staff responded to Committee questions regarding the profile of a youth bully, the influence of technology and accountability issues.

Received for information

REPORTS – Social Services

h) SS-11-025, The Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee

Gail Kaufman Carlin, Acting Commissioner, Social Services, introduced the report. She stated that area municipalities have been consulted during the preparation of the report and have vetted the Terms of Reference.

MOVED by J. Wideman

SECONDED by R. Deutschmann

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo establish the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee and

- a) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee, as attached as Appendix A, and;
- b) Appoint Jean Haalboom as the Council representative for the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee for the current term of Council as outlined in report SS-11-025, dated June 7, 2011.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2011

ADJOURN

MOVED by R. Deutschmann

SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

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